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## Eighty-first Birthday of a great Scout Commissioner

The Bharat Scouts and Guides of Madras State, are happy and proud that Dr. C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, who was the Provincial Scout Commissioner from 1924 to 1931 completed his Eightieth Birthday and his Eighty-first Birthday was celebrated in many parts of the country.

Dr. Ramaswami Aiyar, has done a great deal for the Scout Movement in the Madras Presidency to grow from strength to strength and has been responsible for acquiring Wenlock Park, our present State Headquarters and the Stanley Park Training and Camping Centre, at Coonoor. But for his correct lead in those days of misunderstanding and troubles the Scout Movement will not have flourished in India as it is today. Dr. Ramaswami Aiyar symbolises the Indian tradition and culture. He has been responsible to interpret the Indian culture to the West in a most acceptable manner. His magnetic personality and his attainments in political, cultural and social fields are examples to be followed by our Scouts and Guides.

We pray to our Lord Almighty to spare him for many more years of service to our Country and bless him with sound health and happiness.

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**Visit of Prof. Madan Mohan, Chief Commissioner (Scouts)  
India, and Sri D. P. Joshi, National Organising  
Commissioner (Scouts)**

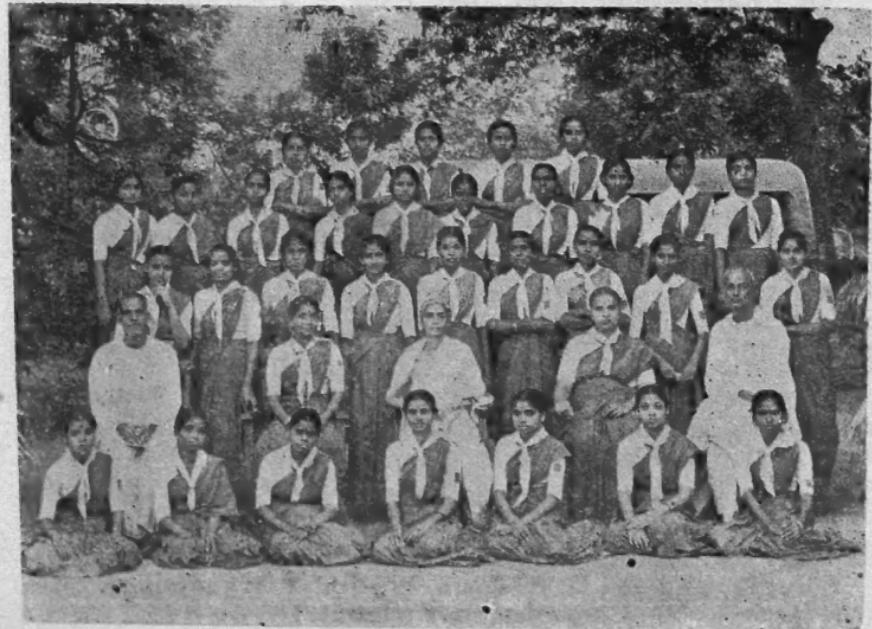
Prof. Madan Mohan, Chief Commissioner (Scouts) India, and Sri D. P. Joshi, National Organising Commissioner (Scouts) arrived at Madras on 8th November 1959.

They visited some of the Scout and Guide Groups in the City of Madras and had first-hand knowledge of the working of our Scout and Guide Groups in the City. Their visit to these Groups has been a real source of inspiration and guidance.

Their visit to the Scout and Guide Groups in Chingleput, Kanyakumari and Madurai Districts has created a great deal of enthusiasm amongst our Scouters and Guiders and Scouts and Guides of all ranks.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State appreciates their visit and feel that their visit will give a great fillip to our work in the State and we look forward to several visits from them.

*'Editor'*



Flock Leaders' Preliminary Training Camp—The Arundale Training Centre, Adyar—From 3rd October to 9th October 1959,

## THE SCOUT PROMISE AND LAW

The Scout Promise and Law—the basis of the whole Scout ideal—are extraordinarily simple in their positive statement of ideals which are illustrated in the daily round of every boy's life.

The whole of Scouting exists for the purpose of supplying training and practice in the carrying out of the Promise and Law; but for the Promise to be of any value it is obvious that it must be made voluntarily by the boy undertaking it, and with full realisation of all that it implies. That raises a difficulty within the school itself, for no where can compulsion be brought about more easily, and it is the more dangerous when achieved by indirect methods, such as by the granting of privileges to Scouts, partiality in the treatment of Scouts, or the slavish following of school traditions. Where compulsion exists in any form, the boys may be technically efficient, but they cannot feel the same towards the Promise they have taken as when they have made it without any influence other than their own desires and consciences".

" J. S. WILSON "

## THE WIDE HORIZON

On Friday, the 24th April 1959, the writer had the privilege of attending the Commissioners' Dinner at Plantation House, Mincing Lane, London. There were about 350 Commissioners and County Secretaries from all over England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout, was there and Lady Baden Powell, the Chief Guide. Six Commonwealth countries were represented at the dinner.

The toast of Scouting was proposed by Lord Luke. He emphasised the great need for leadership and pointed out that the development of a pioneering spirit, the encouragement of initiative and the instilling of a sense of responsibility, which were the aims of the Scout Movement, were even more important to-day than ever before. He concluded saying, "This great Scout Movement is doing a man-size international job, providing youth with inspiration and channelling it for them into good and useful activities, harnessing and directing the natural energies of youth, organising leisure in an age when leisure is never so plentiful and contributing to greater understanding between nations".

The Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, replied in a characteristic speech. Sir Charles Maclean proposed the toast to our guests. The Ambassador for the Philippines, His Excellency Leon Ma. Guerrero, responded on behalf of the guests. He ended

with these words which moved every one assembled. "There is perhaps some significance in the fact that the first world Scout gathering in the second half century of the movement will be held in the new Asia (referring to the World Jamboree to be held in the Philippines). For I believe that Scouting faces quite a different situation in Asia and Africa than it has faced in West Europe and North America..... The appeal of Scouting to boys in Western Europe and North America lies in great part in the excitement of a change, the change from the routine comforts of the modern city to the unfamiliar challenge of the forest or mountain. It is fun for the average boy in this part of the world to pretend to be a frontiersman, to put on khaki shorts, throw away his books, swing a hatchet, eat beans from a tin plate and sleep on the ground under a tent. But the peasant boys in many parts of Asia would not think this fun at all ; they would only recognise it as their daily life.

What has Scouting to offer to the peasant boy for whom a khaki uniform is a luxury to be paid for by his parents' sacrifices, who cannot hope to go to school, who must wrest his daily livelihood from nature ? How are the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto to be translated and made intelligible to those who have no reason to be cheerful, no opportunity to be thrifty, no chance to be clean ..... ? To be true to its great ideals, the Scout Movement must face up to and meet the challenge raised by the boyhood of underprivileged Asia in the second half of this century. When the Scouts of the world gather on their camping grounds, cleared by bulldozers on the slopes of Mount Makiling and overlooking the green lake of Bai, I hope they will remember the other boys who will be hauling heavy fishnets on its waters or eating their plates of rice and salt not far away ..... who will be sleeping on side walks in their torn singlets and will wake to another day, much the same as any other, an early and a long day of dragging a water cart or dredging a sewer. These are the boys to whom Scouting must, and I trust, will try to give a share in the hopes and pleasures of their age.

This was indeed a clarion call ! Will rural India take up the challenge, give the lead and show how Scouting can be adapted to be of interest to her millions of underprivileged children ?

D. S. MATTHIAS.  
Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

## JUBILEE SCOUT JAMBOREE IN AMERICA IN JULY 1960

*Dates of the Jamboree* : July 22nd to 28th 1960.

*Place* : Near Colorado Springs, Colorado, a beautiful spot in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains.

*Strength of the Jamboree* : 50,000 Scouts and Scouters are expected to participate in this gathering.

*Cost* : Expenses for travelling and other incidental expenses may come to about Rs. 4,500/- per head. (The National Headquarters and the State Headquarters will not be able to give any financial assistance to the Scouts and Scouters attending this Jamboree nor will it be possible to get any help from the Central or State Governments).

*Who can join* : Only first class Scouts, and Scouters who are Himalaya Wood Badge holders are permitted to take part in the Jamboree.

*Last day for Registration* : Scouts and Scouters of the required qualifications wishing to join the Indian contingent should register their names at the National Headquarters through the State Headquarters on or before 31st March 1960. Registration date will not be extended.

## The All India Guide Commissioners and Secretaries Conference at Allahabad from 22nd to 23rd October 1959.

The historic city of Allahabad, the home of Pundit Nehru and that of late Sri Ram Bajpaiji was the venue of this Year's Conference of Guide Commissioners and Secretaries. Mrs. A. Wahabuddin Ahmed, Joint National Organising Commissioner was in charge.

The Conference was held at Balrampur House, the Headquarters of the Bharat Scouts and Guides of Uttar Pradesh. Nearly 90 members represented Seventeen States of India. Mrs. Gopalratnam, S C. (G) and Miss C. John., S O. C. (G) represented Madras. There were two observers also—Mrs. Norton from Canada and Miss Agatha Tregalar from U. S A who were ready to contribute their ideas and share their experiences with us. Sri Madan Mohan, the Chief Commissioner (Scouts) inaugurated the Conference. The Commissioners worked in 6 different groups to discuss various subjects.

1. Guiding in Rural areas and Co-operation with the Development Schemes of the Government.
2. International aspect of Guiding - World Magazine and World News.
3. Publicity, Public Relations through Youth Movements and Welfare Agencies and Publications of literature and translations of literature into regional languages.
4. Future development of Rangering and ways and means of promoting Guiding for the Handicapped.
5. Training of Commissioners - All India and Regional Training Camps, qualifications for A S.O.C. and alterations in Guide and Bulbul Tests.
6. Plans for the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of Guiding.

Mrs. M. C. Jadhav, Chief Commissioner (Guides), India presided over the deliberations of the whole Conference assisted by Mrs. A. Wahabuddin Ahmed, Jt. National Organising Commissioner, Mrs Tarabai, Assistant Chief Commissioner, (Guides), Mrs Molina Dutt, International Commissioner and Mrs. S. Patwardhan, Jt. National Secretary.

Miss T. P. Asha, Deputy Camp Chief and Headquarters Commissioner for Training, Bombay State gave an interesting account of her Training activities in different parts of Africa. Miss Thalathi, Western Railways, spoke on her experience of Training in Ceylon conducted by Miss Hacon and the progress Ceylon has made in Guiding for the Handicapped.

With regard to plans for celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Guiding, various suggestions received from the States were discussed and a unified plan for celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Guiding was drawn up as follows - allotting each item to different States to work up.

1. Rallies and Camps at State and Regional level - Miss T. P. Asha. Headquarters Commissioner for Training, Bombay.
2. Inviting Guiders from neighbouring countries - Mrs. Molian Dutt. International Commissioner.
3. Scrolls of Friendship - Mrs. Rugmini Menon, State Commissioner (G) Southern Railways.
4. Processions, Exhibitions and Floats - Mrs Lall, State Commissioner (G) Punjab
5. Articles in Papers - Souvenir - Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (G) Madras State.
6. Proficiency Badge Competitions and Exhibitions, Rajasthan.

7. Guides and Birthday Parties - Mrs. Vasudeva Murthi, State Commissioner (Guides), Mysore State.

8. Social Service - Bombay State.

9. Log Book competitions - West Bengal.

This stay-together of Commissioners of different States afforded an opportunity for making very useful contacts to start off planning for Jubilee celebrations, besides comparing notes and learning from each other.

And as for problems - they are the same everywhere - the only difference being the way they are tackled.

C. JOHN

*State Organising Commissioner (Guides)*

## A CEREMONY - INSTITUTION OF A NEW PATROL LEADER

(Company stands in horseshoe formation - Retiring Patrol Leader brings up the new Patrol Leader to the Captain at the Head of the Horseshoe)

*Retiring Patrol Leader* : Captain, may I present to you..... whom we wish to be the leader of the..... Patrol (steps back).

*Captain* : (To the new Patrol Leader) Do you know your responsibilities as a Patrol Leader ?

*New Leader* : My responsibilities as a Patrol Leader are to uphold my Patrol and Company and to keep the Guide Law.

*Captain* : Can I trust you on your honour to do all these things ?

*New Leader* : (at half salute) Yes Captain, I promise on my honour to uphold my Patrol and Company and keep the Guide Law.

*Captain* : (shaking hands - left hand - and fully saluting) "I trust you on your honour to keep this promise and I institute you Leader of the.....Patrol.

Good Luck to you. (Presents her the Lanyard and Whistle) The new Leader salutes the Captain, steps back and marches back with the retiring Patrol Leader to the Horseshoe.

GWEN CLARKE  
*(Guider from England)*

## TO COMMISSIONERS

### Care for your Scouters

#### 1. Encouragement:

Nothing can cheer people as much as encouragement. When something, a little or big, has been done well it must be mentioned, but don't forget the one who is in the process of doing the job. The few kind words, the quiet question on how the work is developing, are often words well spent.

#### 2. To be remembered:

Every Scouter has the right to be in the spotlight once in a while—well, he wants to, too. Your Scouters all have their specialities which they know better than anyone else. Use this knowledge. No Scouter must be left outside.

There are Scouters who, due to working conditions, studies, etc., do not have time to take as active a part in Scouting as they would like. Do not forget them. They may have done a great job before and they are likely to come back when their studies (or night shifts, or whatever it may be) are finished. Keep them informed of what is going on, ask them in as "extras" on occasions, and above all, don't let them out of sight.

#### 3. Comradeship:

No section of the group should be permitted to isolate itself with one assignment and from there rule the whole

group if it wants. We must be able to go to each other and discuss our problems freely, and everyone must know what everyone else is doing. Remember that "confidence brings confidence".

#### 4. Criticism:

Honest and sincere criticism at the appropriate moment is valuable but criticism must be constructive, not destructive. You must therefore be careful to see that the man criticised understands what you are criticising.

#### 5. Replacement:

What shall we do when we must replace a Scouter who is obviously unsuitable for the position he or she is holding? Well, you can't just give him any job—he might not be suitable for that either and he might feel hurt and leave Scouting altogether. Declare openly your standpoint for him and substantiate it. Give him an equally ranking position and make him feel that this is a trust. Then he might even hesitate, saying that he is not capable, but if you know he is—persuade him to take it

#### 6. Support:

A Scouter needs someone to turn to with his Scouting problems. Don't push him away when he wants to speak to you. Let him talk out what is on his

mind-difficult boys and fussy parents, programme hints and topics for games. Let him tell you his good experience too, let him brag a little. Be interested! Give him advice if needed or just give him a hand. Above all, listen!

### 7. Personal Troubles :

Consider what confidence people show when they come to talk to you. You might find their problem trivial, but to them it may be a real worry. Perhaps you can help them by just letting them talk to you but if your assistance or advice

can alleviate, offer it, but remember that all that has been said must not go further.

### 8. Respect for Decisions :

In the first place you must not make decisions impossible of fulfilment. If you do your Scouters will not follow you the next time. Once a decision has been reached it must be carried out. This question has to do with self-discipline, and you must possess it before you can expect your Scouters to exercise it.

“WORLD SCOUTING”

## NEW ASSISTANT DEPUTY CAMP CHIEFS

The National Headquarters have appointed the following as Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs :—

Honourable Charge

No. and Date.

104/17-10-1959

105/17-10-1959

106/17-10-1959

106-A/17-10-1959

107/17-10-1959

107-A/17-10-1959

108/17-10-1959

Name

Training

Sri M. Gopalakrishnan,  
Madras

Scout

Sri S. Balasubramaniam,  
Nagapattinam

Scout

Sri H. Krishnamurthi,  
Tanjore

Scout

Sri H. Krishnamurthi,  
Tanjore

Cub.

Sri K. S. Sampath, Mudis  
Estate, Coimbatore

Scout

Sri K. S. Sampath, Mudis  
Estate, Coimbatore

Cub

Sri Mir Hadi Ali Kirmani,  
Madras

Scout

## News from the State Headquarters

*The State Executive Committee.* Met on 20th October 1959 at the State Headquarters.

*State Scouters' and Guiders' Conference.* The scheduled Conference for 21st and 22nd November 1959 at Salem has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

*Chief Commissioner (Scouts) India.* Prof. Madan Mohan, Chief Commissioner (Scouts) India along with Sri D. P. Joshi, National Organising Commissioner will be at Madras on the 8th and 9th November and after touring the Kerala State till the 17th November will visit Kanyakumari on the 18th November, Madurai on the 20th November and Madras on the 21st November 1959. They will leave Madras on the 25th November for New Delhi after visiting Vellore.

*State Organising Commissioners' Tours—October 1959.* Sri M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), visited Trichy, Dalmiapuram, Manapparai, Kulithalai, Mannargudi and Nagapattinam during the month of October 1959.

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Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), visited Tirupattur, Kandi, Jolarpet, Vaniambadu, Ambur, Gudiyatham, Vellore, Katpadi, Wallajapet, Sholinghur and Arkonam.

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Kumari C. John, State Organising Commissioner (Guides), visited Villupuram in South Arcot District and attended the All India Guide Commissioner's Conference at Allahabad from 22nd to 23rd October 1959.

## District News

### **MANNARGUDI**

The Tilak Scout Group of the National High School, Mannargudi, celebrated Dr. Besant's birthday on 1st October 1959.

On 2nd October, the group celebrated the Gandhi Jayanthi. Sri P. V. Muthukrishna Iyer, presided over the function. There was a mass spinning for 10 minutes by 90 Scouts and Guides followed by a mass prayer and Ram Dhun Bhajana.

On 3rd October 1959 the Scouts and Guides of the Tilak Group went on an outing to Keelantham.

### **NILGIRIS**

Sri M. S. Swamidoss, District Secretary, Sri N. Boriah, Hon. Treasurer, along with Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, District Scout Organiser, visited the Adderly Estate and met the Cubs and Bulbuls of the locality. Sri G. J. Katticaran, Welfare Liaison Officer (S), Tea Board, addressed the gathering. Sri N. Boriah, appealed to the parents to extend their help and co-operation to Scouting and Guiding.

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Sri J. Josam, Asst. District Commissioner, Gudalur area, along with Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, District Scout Organiser, visited the Prospect

Estate, Belluvue Division, Naduvattam, Hookar, Gudalur during October 1959. They visited the various Packs and Flocks and met important people such as Sri R. S. Savur, Assistant Manager, Liddelsdale Division, Sri P. A. John, Supervisor of Belluvue Division, Sri N. Nagalingam Deputy Inspector of Schools, and various Headmasters, Scouters and Guiders.

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A new Rover Crew was formed at Prospect Estate on 8th October 1959.

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### **SOUTH MADRAS**

More than 500 Scouts and Guides of the District participated in a Rally held in commemoration of the National Scout Week on 2-10-1959 at 4 P.M. at Raja Muthiah High School, with Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam in the chair. Sri C. R. Pattabiraman, President of the Association, spoke, on the occasion. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam, decorated Scouts L. S. Swaminathan, and B. Srinivasan of Shivaji Scout Group, with Bharat Scout Badges and Scout A. S. Rajaram of Scout Group with the First All-Round Cord. Earlier, Sri V. Natarajan, Correspondent, Raja Muthiah High School, welcomed the gathering. Sri V. Arunajatai, Headmaster, proposed a vote of thanks at

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the end. The Rally was in charge of Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (Scouts)

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The National Scout and Guide week was celebrated by the various Units in the District during the 1st week of October 1959. The Programme consisted of morning Flag Break ceremonies, Public Meetings, and Outings. Special mention must be made of the Pratap, Siddhartha and Subramania Scout Groups which carried out fine programmes with Sri C. R. Pattabhiraman, M. P., Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary, Sri M. Rajagopalan, and Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioners, Sri A. G. Venkatachari, Sri A. K. Sitharaman and others participating. The most notable function was a week-end Camp of the Pratap Scout Group at the Besant Camping Centre and the Public Camp Fire organised by the Siddhartha Scout Group. On 1-10-1959 the President of the Association, Sri C. R. Pattabhiraman, paid a visit to the Group accompanied by the District Commissioner (Scouts), Sri H. Ramanathan.

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The Ashoka Scout Group, Mylapore, celebrated their Annual day on 11-10-1959 at their new Group Headquarters with Mrs. H. Newman, District Commissioner (Guides), in the chair. Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (Scouts)

spoke on Scouting. The Annual Report of the Group was presented by Sri R. S. Mani. Dr. Seshadrinathan, President - Group Committee spoke on the occasion. Mrs. Newman inaugurated the New Guides Section on this day.

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A non-residential Training Course for Flock Leaders for the benefit of the Trainees of the Arundale Training Centre at Adyar was held from 9th to 16th October 1959 followed by a three days' Camp. 32 women underwent Training as Flock Leaders and the Training was in charge of Smt. Gowri Rajagopalan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, ably assisted by Kumari C Selva Saroja. The Camp was a great success and our thanks are due to Sri P. S. Krishna Swamy and Sri P. V. Ramakrishnan who rendered all possible help.

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### EAST MADRAS

The Scout and Guide Week was inaugurated on the 19th October at Wenlock Park by Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary. Sri V. Subramaniam, spoke on the occasion.

20th October was observed as the Parents' Day and Mrs. Kanakam Dharmarajan, presided over the function. Mrs. Sarojini Bai, and Mrs. Sarojini Devi spoke appealing to the parents for their continued help and co-operation.

The Scout and Guide Day was celebrated on the 21st October when Mr. N. Murugesa Mudaliar, Deputy Secretary to Government of Madras presided. Rev. D. Thambusamy, Principal, Kellett High School, addressed the gathering.

22nd October was celebrated as the Cultural Day and the function was held at Hindu High School, Triplicane, Sri T. Ramprasad Rao, presided.

23rd October was the Children's Day and over 250 Children participated in the function held at St. Thomas Convent, Santhome. Mrs. Chellammal Natarajan, presided and Mrs. Gowri Rajagopalan, spoke on the occasion. Mrs. Mathias distributed sweets to the Children.

24th October was celebrated as the Association Day at Wenlock Park with Mrs. A. C. Krishna Rao, Principal, Industrial Training Centre in the Chair. Mr. K. M. Koshi, Headmaster, Wesley College High School, Royapettah, spoke on the occasion. There was an entertainment programme which included dance recitals of Baby Malathi and Baby Usha.

The concluding Day of the Scout and Guide week was celebrated at Wenlock Park, at a Rally held on 25th October when over 500 Scouts and Guides participated. Sri M. G. Rajaram, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Agri-

cultural Department, Government of Madras presided. Sri Vidwan T. Muthukannappan, M.L.C., spoke on Scouting. Sri R. N. Vadivelu, Secretary of the Association gave a review of the Scout Week. Earlier Sri M. D. Janardhan, District Commissioner (Scouts) welcomed the gathering. After an interesting programme of entertainment by Scouts and Guides, Mrs. Rajaram distributed prizes, to various winners.

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## CENTRAL MADRAS

A Patrol Leaders Camp was conducted at the District Board Elementary School, Palavanthangal Village near Madras from 14th to 16th August 1959. Six troops of the District deputed 58 Scouts and 7 Scouters and 30 of them are Second Class Scouts. The Scouts were given training in Second Class and First Class test items, Staff Drill, Hand Signals and Foot Drill. A number of interesting games were played during the Camp. The first day the Scouts witnessed a Village Stage Drama which for most of them was a novel one. On the 15th the Independence Day was celebrated at the Camp, when Sri Mir Hadi Ali Kirmani, Assistant District Commissioner, presided and about 600 villagers attended the function. The Camp was visited by Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts),

Sri K. M. Koshy, District Commissioner (Scouts), and Sri J. Jayaraj, Assistant District Commissioner.

55 Scouts and Guides are undergoing a course of Train-

ing in First Aid, from 26th October 1959. This Course will help the Scouts and Guides for the Ambulance Proficiency Badges.

## REVIVAL OF THE OLD SPIRIT

### Birth of the fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides

A new organisation of the former Scouts and Guides was formed at a Convention, held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 27th July, 1959 under the presidentship of Pt. H. N. Kunzru, M.P., Shri Deepak Datta Choudhri explained the aims and objects of the fellowship which was to promote friendship amongst Former Scouts and Guides throughout India and the World who whilst remembering their other duties and responsibilities will aim:

1. To keep alive the spirit of the Scouts and Guides Promise;
2. To bring the spirit of Scouting and Guiding into the communities in which they live and work; and Remembering the Scouts and Guides Promise and Laws e.g. thoughtfulness and selfless service and inculcating sense of patriotism, the Fellowship will aim at promoting national development and self-reliance and diffuse useful knowledge in regard to constructive, economic, co-operative and social activities.

The Fellowship though closely linked with Bharat Scouts and Guides is distinctly a separate organisation. It is not merely a place for the reunion of the Former Scouts and Guides of India to meet each other, but it is an organisation to give the individual a charge to pledge himself or herself, to remember and carry out in their adult lives the solemn undertakings accepted, when he or she took the Scout or Guide Promise. No active Scouting no grandeur of the uniform but to reaffirm the Promise and strengthen the inner self to live up to the ideals which one had accepted.

The Fellowship aims at continuing the comradeship which a Former Scout had experienced round the Campfire through songs, stories and good deeds. If we are good in our personal lives, we are bound to be good in our relations with other members of the community. By our example we will be able to fight the disruptive forces in the World today. We must remember to be cheerful, kind,

honest, and straightforward in all our dealings. If all the Former Scouts and Guides of the World irrespective of class, caste, colour and creed are banded together to make their influence felt in their own surroundings, the World would be a different place today.

Mr. Choudhri welcomed all members present to join the Fellowship, no matter where they did their Scouting, provided they were prepared to do their best, and to live up to the "Promise and Law" in their personal life and set an example.

The Convention elected the following amongst others as a first Council of the General Assembly.

1. Pt. H. N. Kunzru M. P.,
2. Mrs. H. C. Captain, Vice-President,
3. Mr. Justice Hidayatullah, Vice-President,
4. Shri Govind Saran Gupta, Treasurer,
5. Shri Deepak Datta Choudhri, Secretary,
6. Gen. K. M. Kariappa,
7. Smt. Lakshmi Menon,
8. Mrs. Violet Alwa,
9. Mr. Justice Vanchoo,
10. Mrs. Sachdeva,
11. Mrs. I. G. Maharajan,
12. Shri B. D. Bhatta,
13. Shri P. Shiva Shankar,
15. Shri J. C Mathur,
15. Shri D L. Anand Rao,
16. Smt. Probha Bannerji,
17. Shri G. C. Chatterji,
18. Dr. R. P. Dube,
19. Cap. K B. Kodrej,
20. Shri T. V. Nilakantan.

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## The Hundred per cent Company

Jane and Mary had just met. They were both Patrol Leaders, but in two different Companies of a large town. Mary was there first and waiting for her friend, Jane came along looking very sad and rather dull.

"Jane, my dear what is the matter? You look so down cast" said Mary.

"I have just come from our Guide meeting, and I feel so very much on edge, and not at all happy about it." said Jane.

"But, my dear," said Mary, "you should feel full of zeal

and very much uplifted coming from a Guide Meeting. What has happened?" "Let us walk along towards the sea, and I will tell you". said Jane. They walked along, and Jane continued "Do you remember, Mary, when I came to stay with you for a week, and I attended your Guide Meeting, how I enjoyed it, what a different atmosphere there was, everyone happy, and all working together, no angry words, nothing seemed to go wrong! But we never seem to get that spirit in our Company. We grumble at each other, the Patrol Leader

gets cross, and Captain too seems worried. I feel so sorry for her." Mary looking at her friend said kindly, "Jane, I think there is something missing in your Company. How often do you Leaders meet the Captain for a Patrol Leaders' Meeting? I don't mean a Court of Honour meeting". Jane answered, "A Leaders' meeting, well we don't meet at all. The only time we actually meet apart from the whole company is at the Court of Honour." Mary thought for a while, then she said, "Let's sit down here, and I'll tell you how we work our Company, and perhaps if you find it good, you might ask your Captain about Leaders' meetings, and become a first class Company. You are one of the oldest Leaders, and I'm sure your Captain will be interested in your suggestion.

We meet every month at Captain's house, sometimes in the garden, and we never know what she has up her sleeve! She springs all kinds of interesting events on us, sometimes we have to cope with an accident, another time rescue someone from drowning, or pulling someone up a cliff, and at each meeting we have an efficiency test, and at the end of the meeting she tells us where we have failed, and what we should have done, we also work as a patrol with her as leader, and we go through the activities that have been arranged for the Company meeting, so that each Leader is

absolutely sure what she is going to do. We never arrive at a Company meeting without knowing what is going to happen that evening, except when there is a fifth week, then Captain comes with a surprise evening.

Then another thing which we Leaders think is very important and which makes us all trust each other more than you would believe. If any of us leaders makes a mistake at the Company meeting, Captain always calls us apart and tells us about it, and *never in front of any of the others* and she encourages us as Patrol leaders to deal in that way with the Guides. In my patrol I have a little Guide she has been with us about ten weeks, rather a dear, but she is rather perky and sometimes she tells a lie to shield herself, not a really serious one, but nevertheless, a lie. I do not say anything to her in front of the others although perhaps some of them know. I ask her to come and help me with a job, and the Second in command takes over the Patrol and away go my little Guide and myself she rather thrilled that I should have chosen her, and not one of the older guides. Then as we are doing our job, I tell her in a very nice way that she is making a very big mistake if she thinks she can be a guide and tell lies. "Always speak the truth, my dear, and you will never be ashamed, besides Guides never tell lies.

they are loyal and honest, and they wish always to uphold the patrol and the Company besides being loyal to the world fellowship of Guides. You, my dear, this week, have let us down dreadfully, and I want you to promise, "Guide Honour" that you will think before you say anything that is not absolutely true". We finished sorting leaves and flowers for the next game, we had plenty of laughs over the job and returned to the patrol, and no one knew what had gone on outside. Do you know Jane, that little Guide is a treasure now, and she upholds the patrol very very well and we all are very proud of her."

"Thank you, Mary, said Jane," I will talk to our Captain, and see if we can do something like that, I am sure it will relieve her a lot, and we, as Patrol Leaders can take more responsibility. I like the story of your new Guide, and I think many of ours would do well to have you talk to them."

"Not me, Jane, but you" said Mary. "You see, if they find they can trust you, because the Captain can trust you, much can be achieved.

And the Guide Movement will go on from strength to strength."

"Do you know, Mary, said Jane. I feel much better already, and tomorrow is Saturday, I shall call and see Captain, and have a little talk with her and I am sure our Company is going to be as good as yours by this time next term."

"Good" said Mary, "Good Guiding, Jane," "Why don't you ask your Captain, if your Company and ours could join for the holiday and go to Camp together, I am sure it would be grand."

"I will, I wish it was tomorrow. Come let us go home, it is getting dark, and my mother will wonder where I have got to." So Jane and Mary strolled back towards the town, each set on making the Guide Company a First Class Company, full of loyal and happy Guides.

GWEN CLARKE  
(*Guider from England*)

## RANDOM JOTTINGS

(By EAGLE)

### Discipline

For the Scouter as well as for the Scout, discipline is a road to general well-being, and individual interests and desires must be sacrificed to the common welfare. How often does it happen in an Association that Scouters refuse to abide by this principle? How often does it happen at a District Sports Meeting that Scouters object to a Judge's decision to the shame of their own boys? Every time something of that kind happens the Scouter is lowering standards, not for himself alone, but for his boys as well.

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### No Pressure Please

A boy who has had pressure put on him to take the Promise, either in obedience to a School rule, or as matter of School routine will, when he grows up, be in danger of resenting the compulsion and consequently of despising the Scout Movement. In either case he is lost to us.

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### Scouting and Citizenship

Scouting believes that true education has one definite goal and that this goal is Good Citizenship. Citizenship is not the outcome of politics or arts or commerce, but of character and sense of service for the community, that is, of honour, self-control, usefulness, chivalry and a general sense of fairness and broadmindedness. Education through Scout methods is unique, insomuch as it has this sole aim in view.

It is not however, our aims only for which we claim this distinction. We believe that our methods also are unique. We approach Education from an entirely new angle. Instead of imposing on Youth from without, a mass of instruction in terms of adult understanding, we foster education from within, in terms of things which appeal to their particular psychological outlook. Herein lies the secret of the success which attends Scouting wherever it is introduced.

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### What Scouting Offers ?

Scouting gives the Boys a smart dress and equipment ; it appeals to their imagination and romance ; and it engages them in an active open air life. From the point of view of parents it offers physical health and development ; it teaches

resourcefulness and handicrafts, it inculcates discipline, pluck, chivalry and patriotism; in a word, it develops "character" which is more essential than anything else to a successful happy life.

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### The Boy's Viewpoint

To make our work as Scouters a success we must bear in mind that we must look at every thing from the Boy's point of view. The role of commanding officer is bound to fail. The Scouter is simply the boss of the gang, ready to lead in every escapade and take a hand in all the fun that's going—in short to be an elder brother. The Scouter who leads the boy himself is bound to succeed, no matter what his deficiencies may be.

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### Efficiency of Scouter

Scouts are much more prone to admire the man who can *DO* something than the man who can *SAY* something and if we rely upon a superficial book knowledge to justify our action in testing our boys, we are not going to be quite the heroes with them that we possibly imagine ourselves to be. Boys are the cutest people in the world. Let us, therefore, not only demand our boys that they master the elements of the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Badges, but let us also see that we are masters of the various badges ourselves.

## HISTORY OF GUIDING

### III - Lest we forget the growing pains of the early days

BY

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When Miss Agnes Baden Powell, Sister of Baden Powell took charge of the Girl Guides in 1909, it was un-denialy a come-down for those brave band of girls to whom the sound wisdom of womanliness etc., had no appeal. But were consoled that the hero of Mafeking was their chief.

Miss Agnes Baden Powell had varied interests like her brother with a pleasant touch of eccentricity that was permitted to the well-to-do-Victorian. Quite unlike other ladies, she kept swarm of bees, colony of live butterflies, and flocks of small birds, circling round in her hall. She was an artist with a passion for any handicraft. A 'Society Gossip' article of the day describes her as a Musician, Metal Worker, who 'hunts and bicycles with equal skill' and speaks

fourteen languages! 'Above all there was in her the blessed absence of self importance. In her 'message' to Guides when she took over a page of 'Home Notes' there was always an amiable note of friendliness and good manners. She gave them paper pattern for Uniform, consoled them for the loss of 'Fluer-de-lis' telling them to embroider their own 'Pretty Trefoil' on it. The leadership they got in those early days was exactly the right for the times.

But it was not these lady-like ideals that brought in thousands of girls bubbling with enthusiasm. The two books-Pamphlet 'A' and Pamphlet 'B' - a joint effort of Lieut. Gen. Sir Robert Baden Powell and Agnes Baden Powell gave the girls the stirring they needed. The opening fan-fire of 'B' in short stinging sentences addressed them directly.

" Girls! Imagine that a battle has taken place in and around your town or village - What are you going to do? Are you going to sit down and wring your hands and cry? Or are you going to be plucky and go out and do something to help your brothers and fathers who are fighting and falling on your behalf? "

The glamour of heroic service flamed up in the young hearts ..... It meant they were to learn foreign languages because after a battle there will not only be our own men to deal with, but the enemy's wounded also. Help should be given wherever it was wanted.

'How are you going to cope with it? You have only some vague notions of rendering First Aid - If you are going to be any good to your country in a time live that, you must prepare for it in peace time. Girl though you happen to have been born, you could lend a hand, If properly 'Prepared' you would 'COUNT' !

Next come the Clarian Call—"this is work, women can do, the wounded will want soup poultices and hot water on the field. So learn to light fires in the open and boil and bake. Women are every bit as brave as men - IF THEY LIKE TO COMMAND THEMSELVES."

*(To be continued)*